

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chairman Dan Villa, on January 20, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dan Villa, Chairman (D)
Sen. Debby Barrett, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Amy Carlson, OBPP
Shirley Chovanak, Committee Secretary
Nancy Hall, OBPP
Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch (LFD)
Suzan Scott, OBPP

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website. Due to a committee break, several audio recordings were made to cover the entirety of the meeting. After the first part of the meeting and its audio recording, a minute of silence was added to the final recording to represent the committee break before the second audio portion begins. The second portion of the audio recording for the meeting begins at the minute's time stamp of 1:03:02.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: Agency Budget Overview and Budget Hearing, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

Executive Action: None

00:00:01 Chairman Villa

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FUNDING OVERVIEW:

00:00:54 Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh13a01\)](#)

Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) Overview:

00:22:00 Sheila Stearns, OCHE

[EXHIBIT\(jeh13a02\)](#)

00:45:12 Chairman Villa

00:45:49 Mick Robinson, OCHE

[EXHIBIT\(jeh13a03\)](#)

00:52:57 Chairman Villa

00:53:34 Mr. Robinson

01:00:19 Chairman Villa

01:00:36 Mr. Robinson

01:00:58 Break

01:03:02 Resume

01:03:04 Chairman Villa

Testimonies from Veterinary Students:

01:03:31 Jessica Hudson, Montana State University (MSU)

01:04:12 Sen. Barrett leaves.

01:07:04 Chairman Villa

01:07:32 Jesse Olsen, MSU

01:11:14 Makensie Anderson, MSU

[EXHIBIT\(jeh13a04\)](#)

01:13:00 Chairman Villa leaves.

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

01:15:17 Sen. Peterson, Acting Chairman

01:16:11 Ms. Stearns

01:17:43 Sen. Peterson

01:17:47 Mr. Robinson

01:22:04 Sen. Peterson

01:22:18 Mr. Robinson

01:22:31 Sandy Merdinger, OCHE

01:22:59 Mr. Robinson

01:23:12 Ms. Merdinger

01:25:09 Mr. Robinson

01:25:13 Ms. Merdinger

01:25:40 Mr. Robinson

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01:25:53 Ms. Stearns
01:27:35 Mr. Robinson
01:31:24 Sen. Peterson
01:31:29 Mr. Robinson
01:34:03 Sen. Peterson
01:34:17 Sen. Carol Juneau, SD 8, Browning
01:34:23 Joe McDonald, President, Salish Kootenai College
01:36:57 Sen. Peterson
01:37:12 Mr. Robinson
01:40:47 Sen. Peterson
01:40:56 Mr. Robinson
01:41:55 Chairman Villa returns.
01:43:04 Chairman Villa
01:43:17 Ms. Joehler
01:44:50 Chairman Villa
01:44:55 Ms. Joehler
01:48:14 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
01:48:16 Sen. Barrett returns.
01:48:24 Chairman Villa
01:48:27 Mr. Trevor
01:48:36 Ms. Joehler
01:50:42 Chairman Villa
01:50:50 Suzan Scott, OBPP
01:51:58 Chairman Villa
01:52:44 Ms. Scott
01:53:25 Mr. Robinson
01:54:46 Chairman Villa
01:54:51 Sen. Peterson
01:58:00 Ms. Stearns
01:59:19 Mr. Robinson
01:59:36 Sen. Peterson
02:00:11 Chairman Villa
02:00:23 Sen. Hawks
02:00:54 Ms. Scott
02:01:24 Sen. Hawks
02:01:33 Ms. Scott
02:01:59 Chairman Villa
02:02:16 Ms. Scott
02:02:19 Chairman Villa

ADJOURNMENT

02:03:29 Adjourned

SHIRLEY CHOVANAK, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([jeh13aad.pdf](#))